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1. WE VERY CONCERNED TO LEARN PER REF A THAT DEADLINE

FOR PREQUALIFICATION SHORTLISTING WAS SEPTEMBER 21.
REF C, ORIGINAL NOTIFICATION TO COMMERCE, DATED AUG. 31,
WAS SENT AS AIRGRAM, AND NOT RECEIVED BY MEPD UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 10. GIVEN TIME REQUIRED FOR MECHANICS OF MAILING
TERMS OF REFERENCE TO FIRMS, AND FIRMS MAILING THEIR
QUALIFYING DOCUMENTATION TO MPFDC, WE DOUBT THAT ANY
FIRM WE CONTACTED MADE DEADLINE, EXCEPT PERHAPS WITH
SHORT TELEX EXPRESSING INTEREST.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: VELIEVE BEST COURSE AT THIS
POINT WOULD BE URGENT INQUIRY OF MPFDC AS TO WHETHER ANY
OF FIRMS LISTED OUR MOST RECENT MESSAGE WILL BE CONSIDERED
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FOR PURPOSE OF PREQUALIFICATION (BELIEVE INTERNATIONAL

DESIGN WAS ONLY ONE WELL WITHIN DEADLINE). IF, MPFDC INDICATES THEY NOT BEING CONSIDERED SUGGEST POST REQUEST

EXTENSION OF PREQUALIFICATION DEADLINE, AT LEAST FOR THOSE FIRMS WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED TO MEPD INTENTION TO ATTEMPT TO PREQUALIFY.POST MAY WISH TO RAISE POINT THAT ORIGINAL REQUEST REF C GAVE TIME FRAME AS QUOTE FOUR TO SIX WEEKS UNQUOTE WHICH WOULD MAKE CUTOFF DATE APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 5. MAY ALSO BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT IN GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO PROVIDE MPFDC WITH BEST POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE; USG FIRST CONTACTED THOSE FIRMS MPFDC HAD INVITED AND, FINDING MOST NEITHER INTERESTED OR QUALIFIED FOR TOTAL PACKAGE, PROCEEDED TO ELICIT INTEREST FROM OTHER HIGHLY QUALIFIED FIRMS. GIVEN FACT THAT PROJECT COMPLETELY NEW TO THESE FIRMS, TIME WAS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

ALSO, IT HIGHLY UNSUAL TO INDICATE SHORTLISTING DEADLINE ONLY AFTER IT HAS PASSED. ROBINSON

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